

MEMORANDUM

NOVEMBER 12, 1981

TO: BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

FROM: ROBERT J. RYAN, DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: NORTH STATION PROJECT - INCREASE IN RELOCATION PAYMENT LIMITS

The North Station Urban Renewal Project is proceeding, with appraisals nearing completion and offers to purchase to be made within a few weeks. We are committed to conveying the site to the GSA in October of 1982.

Relocation of families and businesses will begin when the Authority acquires the properties. In order to provide residents a reasonable choice of housing options in this relatively brief time frame, it is appropriate to revise the maximum limits on various fixed relocation payments. The current payment limits are nearly eleven years old and do not take into account the high market rentals surrounding the North Station area, where many residents prefer to remain. Similarly, the limits of the claim utilized by many small businesses should be raised to ease hardships.

I, therefore, recommend that the limits of the following payment limits be revised to a maximum Fixed Moving Payment (Residential) of up to \$1,000; a maximum Rental Assistance Payment of up to \$8,000; Replacement Housing Payments to Owner-Occupants of up to a maximum of \$30,000; and the range for Payment in Lieu of Moving Expenses for Businesses up to a maximum of \$5,000-\$15,000.

I recommend that the maximum limits be in effect for the year 1982 to eligible North Station Project Area site occupants who move by September 1982. All other terms of the relocation program would remain unchanged. Funds are available within the previously approved relocation budget to meet these extra costs.

This is an unusual project in many ways and this seems a fair and reasonable response to a unique situation. An appropriate vote follows.

VOTED: That the Authority hereby authorizes the increase in maximum limits of relocation payments as outlined in the above-referenced memorandum, for the year 1982, for eligible displaced North Station Project Area site occupants who move by September 1982, to be paid from approved City of Boston and CDBG funds.

